(SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) Government is not having the details of Bisnet Communication Network. However, the Department of Telecommunications permits the establishment of private communication networks for closed user groups. The interface equipment is to be approved by the Department of Telecommunications.

Selection for approved panel, for TV Serials

2339. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Manohar Shyam Joshi, the writer of Hum Log and Buniyad was not selected for the approved panel for the TV serials inspite of his application for the same;

(b) whether the approved panel has since been scrapped; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay in doing so?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Shri Manohar Shyam Joshi had not applied to Doordarshan in his induvidual capacity for empanelment as a Producer or Director for production of sponsored serials.

(b) and (c) The panel has not been put into operation.

Union Territory Status to Ladakh.

3240. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to make the 'Ladakh' region of Jammu and Kashmir a Union Territory;

(b) whether in the absence of such a status the region's economy is suffering as compared to the Valley region; and

(c) what steps are being taken to improve the economic infrastructure of the region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Efforts in regard to development activities of all the three regions, namely Kashmir Valley, Jammu and Ladakh have been intensified.

दिल्ली वाहन के नए किस्म के पंजीकरण नम्बर

3241. **चौधरी हरि सिंह :** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दुपहिया और तिपहिया स्कूटरों, कारों, बसों, ट्रकों, ट्रैक्टरों और मोटर साइकिलों के मामले में नई किस्म के पंजीकरण नम्बर देने का काम दिल्ली में शुरु किया गया था जिन्हें वाहनों के अगले और पिछले हिस्सों पर लिखा जाता है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या दिल्ली में चलने वाले समस्त वहानों को ऐसे नम्बर दे दिये गए हैं। और

(ग) अन्य राज्यों में नए किस्म के पंजीकरण दिये जाने का काम कब तक शुरु हो जाएगा ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री (श्री के० पी० उन्नीकृष्णन) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) तथा (ग) मोटर वाहन अधिनियम, 1988 जो पहली जुलाई, 1989 का लागू हुआ है, के उपबंधों के अनुसार सभी राज्यों/संघ शासित क्षेत्रों में पंजीकरण प्राधिकरणों के समक्ष प्रस्तुत किए गए सभी प्रकार के मोटर वाहनों को पंजीकरण चिन्ह प्रदान करने की एक नई पद्धति लागू की गई है । पुरानी पद्धति के अंतर्गत पहले प्रदान किए जा चुके पंजीकरण चिन्हों में कोई परिवर्तन

नहीं किया गया है । प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार राज्य परिवहन विभाग इन उपबंधों को जिनमें नये ढंग से पंजीकरण संख्या प्रदान करना भी शामिल है, कार्यान्वित कर रहे हैं ।

दिल्ली प्रशासन के परिवहन निदेशालय के पंजीकरण प्राधिकारी भी इसी नई प्रणाली के अंतर्गत वाहनों का पंजीकरण कर रहे हैं ।

Road accidents in Delhi

3242. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of road accidents in Delhi in each of the months since January this year;

(b) how many of them proved fatal and in how many of them DTC buses and other buses under DTC operation were involved and how many were attributable to negligence and callousness of bus drivers; and

(c) the steps taken to minimise road accidents in the capital?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) A detailed statement of figures of road accidents in Delhi, as furnished by Delhi Police Authorities is annexed. [*See* Appendix CLV Annexure No. (11)]

(c) Delhi Administration have intimated that the steps taken by them to minimise road accidents in Delhi include installation of new light signal points, sign boards and linkers in accidents prone areas, introduction of oneway system at appropriate places, construction of verges on roads to segregate opposite directional traffic, mobile patrolling, special night checking as also educating of the drivers and the public through radio spots, TV films, newspapers regarding road safety matters and distribution of road safety literature at conspicuous places to educate road users. The police authorities have also been undertaking prosecution for over speeding or zig-zag driving. Delhi Transport authorities have also been following the strict procedure for the test before the issuance of driving licences.

Delhi Transport Corporation, on its own, have been taking steps to train the drivers before putting them on duty, a refresher training, enforcement of speed limits by provision of speed limiters on the buses, grant of incentives in the shape of awards and recognition in accident free records of the drivers. Special squards are also developed by DTC on routes to check that the drivers follow traffic rules and drive buses safely.

India's Foreign Policy

3243. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Convention on 'India's Foreign Policy, Peace, Security and Cooperation in South Asia' was inaugurated by him on June 15, 1990, in New Delhi;

(b) if so, what were the main observations and suggestions made therein, with regard to India's Foreign Policy and the peace prospects in the region; and

(c) what was Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A copy of the Statement of the National Convention on India's Foreign Policy, Peace, Security and Co-operation in South Asia held on 15-16 June,